

## PATENT

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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#### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

#### TITLE OF INVENTION

VALVE DEVICE

#### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable). NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

(c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/010628 filed on JUL 26, 2004 and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. § 1.56(a).

In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement 37 CFR 1.97.

### **PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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(d)  no such applications have been filed.

(e)  such applications have been filed as follows

*NOTE:* Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

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